

**FREMONT OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING TUESDAY JANUARY 3, 2006**

MINUTES – Approved 01/17/2006

Present: Janice O'Brien, Kenn Jones, Jack Karz, Larry & Jessica Lubowsky, Jean Ragonese, Noreen Johnson, Peter Bolduc, John Whiteside

Co-Chairperson Janice opened meeting at 7:10 pm with a Happy New Year Greeting.

Janice gave update on Glen Oakes. It is completed! Refund checks have been mailed out to those who contributed to the fund in 2004. The Conservation Commission is looking at types of signage to put at the entrance to the property on Andreski Drive. Perhaps a wooden sign or a large granite rock inscribed. There will also be granite markers put at the boundary lines except if boundary goes into Spruce Swamp. An iron pipe will be put there.

Smith Property: 80 acres abuts Glen Oakes. A limited appraisal was done. A total of 120.75 acres are in both Brentwood and Fremont parcels. 40 in Brentwood, 80.75 in Fremont. The portion in Brentwood is commercially zoned and has 1,795 feet of road frontage. The Brentwood portion appraised at \$728,000 and Fremont at \$122,000. Mike Speltz to follow up with Smith brothers. Janice has not heard what Brentwood thinks of appraisal and what their plans may be. Janice applied to Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation for a \$250,000 Grant. She hopes to hear from them soon.

NROC Grant: This is a service Grant – Helps town to figure out their future. Acquire funding for land or easements. Janice attended meeting on this. Amanda Stone to contact Janice concerning Grant.

Janice had an article with her about a "Dollars and Sense" Presentation done by UNH regarding land preservation. Members present thought this was a good thing to sponsor for Fremont residents. Article mentioned a fee of \$100. Janice to check to see if Conservation Comm. would fund that and also contact UNH for an available time to be held at Library.

BOND: Bond hearing Thursday February 16, 2006 at Town Hall at 8:00 pm. We will include Smith property in our 1 million Bond request. It was suggested that we have some positive speaking people first at the microphone when our article #10 is open for discussion. It is hoped new people in town will support this. Perhaps target Tuck Woods area with letters. Also letters to those who signed original petition in 2004 for their continued support. Holly Whiteside has offered to assist our committee in any way she can. Janice to contact her regarding the writing of these letters.

SIGNS: It was agreed that new signs are needed to put around town. Jessica and Larry have the old ones used in 2004 & 2005 in their basement. Janice to check with Whittier Press for cost. Janice noted that it cost \$400 last year for a mailing to the town. We have about \$1000 left in our print/mail fund. Selectmen have yet to vote on support of our Bond. Their next meeting is Thursday January 5th. It is felt they will support it.

If the Bond passes we discussed sending letters to landowners in town with information about easements. Mike Speltz has been in touch (or knows of) people who might be interested if money is available.

John Whiteside will assist Janice in news articles. Kenn to also write article for next Fremont Newsletter.

NEXT MEETING: January 17, 2006 at 7:00 Town Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Submitted:

Noreen Johnson
Secretary